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SUBJECT: CSCE: FRENCH INTEREST IN CLOSER BILATERAL COORDINATION

1. FRENCH DELEGATION HEAD (ANDRE) ASKED TO MEET WITH US APRIL 2 TO INFORM US OF CSCE ASPECTS OF CHIRAC VISIT TO MOSCOW. ANDRE SAID HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE GIVING A FULL BRIEFING ON THIS SUBJECT TO NATO CAUCUS, BECAUSE HE WAS UNCERTAIN OF SECURITY OF THAT GROUP, SPECIFICALLY OF PORTUGUESE DELEGATION, BUT WANTED US TO BE FULLY INFORMED "IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR DELEGATIONS".

2. ANDRE'S BRIEFING FOLLOWED GENERAL LINES OF PARIS 8198 AND MOSCOW 4335, BUT ANDRE ADDED THAT FRENCH HAD COME CLOSE TO AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS ON LANGUAGE FOR CLAUSE ON EQUAL VALUE OF THE PRINCIPLES (SEE SEPTTEL), WHICH FRENCH ARE NOW PURSUING IN GENEVA.

ONLY OTHER SPECIFIC ACTION BEING UNDERTAKEN BY FRENCH AS FOLLOW-UP TO MOSCOW VISIT IS SO-CALLED "INVENTORY" OF REMAINING PROBLEMS, INDICATING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOVIET AND FRENCH POSITIONS.

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3. ANDRE THEN SAID FRENCH WOULD BE INTERESTED IN

ESTABLISHING, TOGETHER WITH US, UK AND FRG DELS, AN AGREED LIST OF DETAILED ESSENTIAL POINTS IN BASKET III WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED BEFORE CONCLUDING STAGE II NEGOTIATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, FRENCH CONSIDER SOME MENTION OF POSSIBILITY FOR OPENING READING ROOMS AN ESSENTIAL POINT, AND WOULD HOPE TO HAVE US SUPPORT ON THIS, ALTHOUGH THEIR IMPRESSION AFTER MOSCOW VISIT IS THAT SOVIETS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT AGREE TO ANYTHING ON READING ROOMS. ANDRE SAID FRENCH WOULD GIVE US SUPPORT ON POINTS WE CONSIDER ESSENTIAL, AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH US TO COMPARE VIEWS ON REMAINING BASKET III ISSUES. WE SAID WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK CLOSELY WITH FRENCH ON REMAINING BASKET III ISSUES, AND AGREED TO MEET WITH THEM WITH THIS OBJECTIVE IN VIEW, BUT CAUTIONED ANDRE ABOUT DIFFICULTY OF TRYING TO ESTABLISH A DETAILED LIST OF ESSENTIAL POINTS.

4. AS MATTER OF GENERAL INTEREST, ANDRE CHAIRED NATO DELEGATION HEADS CAUCUS APRIL 3. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE STAGE II NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN THAT FRENCH HAVE ACCEPTED CHAIRMANSHIP OF NATO DEL HEADS CAUCUS, WHICH ROTATES ON A WEEKLY BASIS. DALE

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